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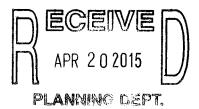
County Contact: Linda Brown, District Director (916) 787-8954



April 14, 2015

Honorable Chairman Ken Denio Members of the Planning Commission Placer County Planning Commission 309 Count Center Drive, Suite 140

Auburn, CA 95603



RE: GBMAC Consideration and Recommendation regarding "The Grove at Granite Bay" Subdivision and Conditional Use Permit Modification

Chairman Denio:

On behalf of the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council (GBMAC) the purpose of this letter is to provide the Planning Commission with a summary of our deliberations and the resulting recommendation regarding "The Grove at Granite Bay" Subdivision and request for Conditional Use Permit Modification.

The proposed conditional use permit modification was presented by Sherri Conway, Senior Planner, Placer County Planning Services Division. There were many Granite Bay residents in attendance that expressed concerns about the impact this conditional use permit modification will have on nearby homeowners and overall neighborhood. Additionally, the residents expressed concern that the developer originally agreed with exiting neighbors to preserve the aesthetics of the neighborhood by agreeing to certain set-backs and not allowing fencing other than wrought iron fencing, to front on Berg Street. Now the developer comes before the GBMAC to request the original terms be changed.

After hearing from Sherri Conway and the public regarding this request to modify the conditional use permit, the GBMAC members engaged in a very thorough deliberation. At the conclusion of our deliberations the Board considered the applicants two requests separately. As a result the GBMAC members made two separate motions.

The first motion was made to recommend approval of the applicants request to reduce the front setback to lot 12 (APN-460-260-012) and to reduce the front and rear setbacks to lots 10 and 11 (APNs 460-260-020 and 460-2602-011). The front setback reduction for these three lots would be modified from 35' to 25'. This motion includes recommendation for approval of the request to reduce the rear yard setbacks for lots 10 and 11 from the current 30' to the standard 10' or to the flood elevation of 313, whichever is more restrictive. This motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

The second motion was made to recommend denial of the applicant's request for a modification that would affect the properties that have a backyard facing Berg Street. The motion was to recommend denial of the modification to allow property owners the option to construct full or partial solid fencing at the edge of the 25' landscape easement in the backyards of those lots which backyards front on Berg Street. This motion to recommend denial was passed unanimously by the Board.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to review projects, work with the community and provide our input. Please contact me or any GBMAC Member if we can be of further assistance.

Warm Regards,

GRANITE BAY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SUZANNE JONES

CHAIR

CC: Honorable Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

Ms. Linda Brown, Field Representative, District 4 and GBMAC Administrator

Mr. Ken Prager, Vice Chair, GBMAC

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Harrison Clark < hkclark41@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2015 at 10:54 AM

Subject: IMPORTANT -- RE GRANITE BAY MAC TONIGHT

To: lbrown@placer.ca.gov

Linda,

I live on Berg Street across from The Grove. I've been involved in the negotiations for the development from the beginning (1990). I will not be able to attend the MAC meeting tonight (I'm out of town).

However, please make it clear to the MAC that I have had lengthy recent chats with Bob Nielebeck about the details of the application that is before the MAC tonight. From my recollection of discussions in years past, all of the fencing "changes" being requested are simply <u>corrections</u> to the plan wording that will bring the wording into sync with what I have long understood would occur.

We were told years ago that the plan was that property owners of The Grove could build solid fencing up to six feet tall but it would be set back a minimum of 25 feet from the open wrought iron fencing that is closer to Berg. I believe this brings the fencing to 55' from the center of Berg though the important parameter is the 25 feet from the existing wought iron fencing. There were also details about the planting and maintenance requirements for the 25' between the wrought iron fencing and the solid fencing which are less important to this discussion.

The bottom line is that the changes to be considered tonight simply document what the residents of Berg negotiated with Bob Coker and the County several years ago.

Sincerely, Harrison Clark 8261 Berg Street Granite Bay, CA

Kathi Heckert

From:

Sherri Conway

Sent:

Tuesday, April 07, 2015 3:34 PM

To:

Kathi Heckert

Subject:

FW: The Grove

Hi Kathi,

Can we please include this correspondence (below) in the record for the Grove at Granite Bay (PLN 15-00055)? Thank

From: Jim Baggarly [mailto:jbaggarly@nwhm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 3:27 PM

To: Sherri Conway Subject: FW: The Grove

Hi Sherri,

I'm not sure if this email of support from Harrison Clark made it to the MAC Board. Mr. Clark is a neighbor directly across the street from The Grove. You may have received this, but if not I thought I'd send it along to you.

Thank you,

Jim

Jim Baggarly | Project Manager, LEED AP

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:Fwd: IMPORTANT -- RE GRANITE BAY MAC TONIGHT

Date: 04/01/2015 10:58 AM

From: Harrison Clark < hkclark 41@gmail.com>

To:ceco@surewest.net

Kathi Heckert

From:

Brian Keeley <bri> sprianjkeeley@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 09, 2015 11:16 AM

To:

Kathi Heckert

Subject:

The Grove in Granite Bay *** there is iron fencing surrounding the entire project!

Hello, Commissioners,

Thank you for your attention.

FYI... There is open, wrought iron fencing surrounding the perimeter of the entire subdivision. If was visible in a couple snapshots, but I didn't make that clear.

This is not about security or safety. It's about economics.

Thank you for your consideration, Arlene Keeley 916-768-8732

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Eureka School District Office, Board Room, 5477 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Introduction of MAC Members and Secretary
- 4) Approval of the Agenda
- 5) Approval of the Minutes
 - a) March 4, 2015
- 6) Public Safety Reports
 - a) Placer County Sheriff
 - b) South Placer Fire District
 - c) California Highway Patrol
- 7) **Public Comments:** Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- 8) Supervisor Report (If Supervisor Kirk Uhler is not present, Linda Brown will present)
- 9) Informational Items/Non-Action:

<u>The Middle Fork Project - Overview:</u> Presented by: Brett Storey, Senior management analyst, Placer County Planning Department

The Middle Fork Project (MFP) is a multi-purpose water supply and hydro-generation project designed to conserve and control waters of the Middle Fork American River, the Rubicon River, and several associated tributary streams in order to meet municipal, industrial, and agricultural demands within western Placer County, to provide recreational experiences, to contribute to the natural resource preservation and enhancement of the river and to generate power for the California electrical grid. In 2006, the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and the County of Placer entered in to a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in order to obtain a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to approve Future Electrical Energy Sales, fund the necessary operational costs and to distribute revenues from Future Electrical Energy Sales to both PCWA and Placer County. The presentation will provide an overview of the project, the re-license process and the policies (financial, administrative and operational) and potential revenues involved. Get a more detailed description of the project at http://www.placer.ca.gov/projects/middle-fork-project.

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10) Action Items:

The Grove at Granite Bay Subdivision and Conditional Use Permit Modification: Presented by: Sherri Conway, Senior Planner, Placer County Planning Services Division (15 min.)

The project, the Grove at Granite Bay, is located on the west side of Berg Street, south of Olive Ranch Road and north of Douglas Boulevard, in the Granite Bay area. The applicant is seeking a modification to the Conditional Use Permit for The Grove at Granite Bay (PSGC 2004-0294) regarding the setback requirements on several lots.

Six (6) specific lots that are bordered by Berg Street to the south (APNs: 460-260-001, 460-260-008, 460-260-009, 460-270-002, 460-270-009, 460-280-009), the applicant is requesting to modify the following. Conditions of Approval:

- 82: Notification to future owners of Lots 1, 8, 9, 24, 25, and 32 that solid fencing on any type is prohibited within the "front" setback along Berg Street.
- 85. Notification to the future owners that no structures, including sold fencing over 3' in heights may be installed in front setback areas, including any property frontages along roadways.
- 97. Other than approved entry features, solid walls, solid wood fencing, and any other solid features are prohibited along the Berg Street and Olive Ranch Road frontages. Open fencing (i.e. wrought iron) is allowed, subject to review and approval by the DRC.

The project was approved to include a 30-foot landscaped corridor from the edge of the easement of Berg Street, in addition to a 25-foot landscape easement, and a building setback requirement of 50 feet from the property line. The applicant is requesting the modification to allow property owners the option to construct full or partial solid fencing at the edge of the 25-foot landscape easement to allow for greater privacy in the backyards of these lots that front on Berg Street. The required 50-foot building setback from the project boundary would remain unchanged.

Additionally, the applicant is requesting to modify the following Condition:

12 - Show the limits of the future, unmitigated, fully developed, 100-year flood plain (after grading) for the on-site marsh and wetland areas on the Improvement Plans and Informational Sheet(s) filed with the Final Map(s) and designate same as a building setback line unless greater setbacks are required by other conditions contained herein. Show a 30' rear setback line for Lots 10 and 11 due to the close proximity of the 100-year post-development ponding limit.

The applicant is requesting reductions in the front setback to lot 12 (APN 460-260-012) and to the front and rear setbacks to lots 10 and 11 (APNs 460-260-020 and 460-260-011). The front setback reduction requested for these three lots would be modified from 35' to 25' to allow for more flexibility in home plotting, a reasonable useable yard area and to avoid impacting trees. The rear yard setbacks backs requested for lots 10 and 11 are currently 30'. The developer requests a reduction to the rear setback for lots 10 and 11 to the standard 10' or to the flood elevation of 313, whichever is more restrictive.

Arlene Keeley

13) ADJOURNMENT

For additional information and calendar for Supervisor Uhler see his website at: http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos/District4.aspx

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The applicant, New Home Company and/or Coker Ewing, is scheduled for the April 23rd hearing. They went before the Granite Bay MAC last week as an Action Item.

The MAC unanimously denied their request to strike down and remove a significant Condition of Approval which would allow solid fencing along Berg Street within the "front" setback.

In 1994, this parcel had entitlements to construct 21 homes – the lots along Berg Street had front yards facing the existing homes. It was designed to blend new construction to look like a neighborhood street.

In 2004 Coker Ewing brought forth a different proposal — 32 homes with backyards facing existing neighbors along Berg Street. The neighbors and community fought the proposed erection of solid fencing along Berg. The compromise were Conditions 81, 82, 85 and 97, that allowed the construction of solid fencing, but set back to 50 ft of edge of easement ("front" setback). This would encourage the Developer to use landscaping instead of fencing to preserve vegetation for the benefit of the community and Berg St neighbors, and provide privacy to future homeowners. This Plan was approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in 2005. This process encompassed significant community participation along with the developer and county staff.

Now the builder/developer intends to renege on the Conditions by asking you to agree to a modification that essentially overturns the most significant aspect that affects the community and neighborhood.

They propose to allow the erection of solid or "partial solid" fencing within the Front setback. At the MAC meeting, the Applicant was not able to define "partial fencing" – a member in the audience asked, does "partial" refer to a shortened length of solid fencing or fencing that is "partially" solid?

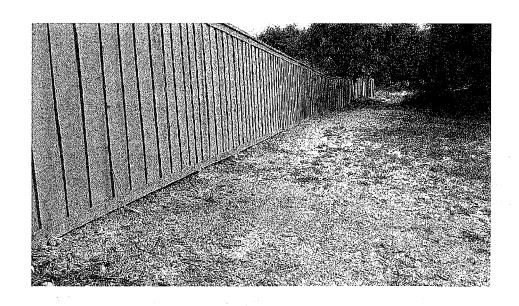
The applicant stated to the MAC that the modification is necessary to free up restrictions caused by the Conditions, so future homeowners can construct stone BBQs within the Front setback. However, they've already installed a stone BBQ within the Front setback on the model home Lot 32, and a MAC Board Member recalled that BBQ structures are a landscape element.

The applicant stated solid fencing is necessary to provide greater privacy in the backyards of lots that front Berg. However, privacy is easily mitigated with greenery, as stated by a MAC Board Member. The builder constructed, and handsomely landscaped, the Model homes last summer. They installed landscaping within the landscape easement, but they sparsely planted tiny Photinias and Pine saplings – Lot 1 has only one, lone, sapling within the easement. I provided snapshots and included myself as a height reference – I'm 4ft 11inches tall.

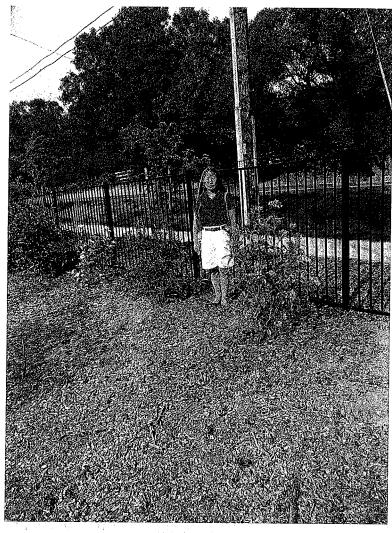
Greenery can provide privacy. I provided snapshots of plantings within the subdivision. The first example, the growth in front of the wrought iron fencing provides superb privacy.



Snapshot of open fencing seen from an interior street. The greenery provides superb privacy. This was taken standing appx 10-15 ft away. There are wooden structures behind the fence.



This is what the Conditions of approval were designed to avoid.



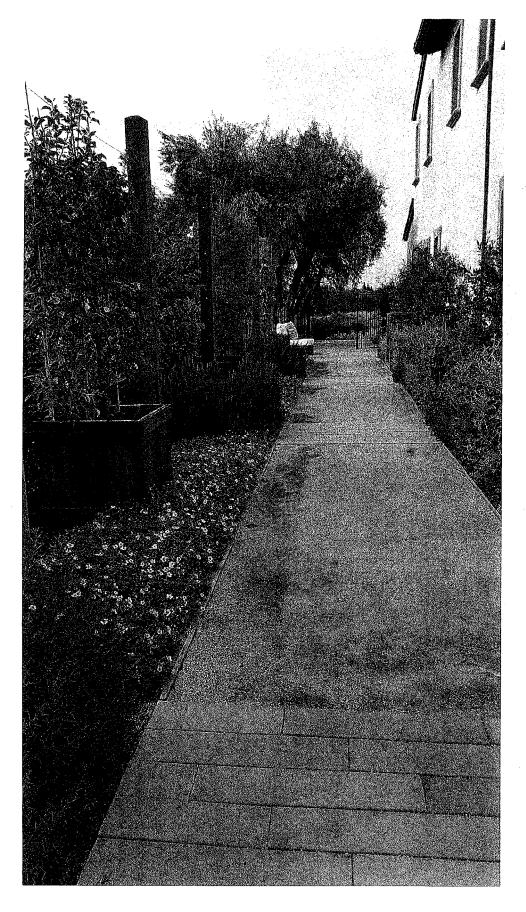
Plantings within the landscape easement on Lot 8. The builder should plant more shrubs, that are more mature, at different depths. It would provide excellent screening from outside the fencing.



Lot 8

Bigger trees vs saplings will provide more greenery, sooner.

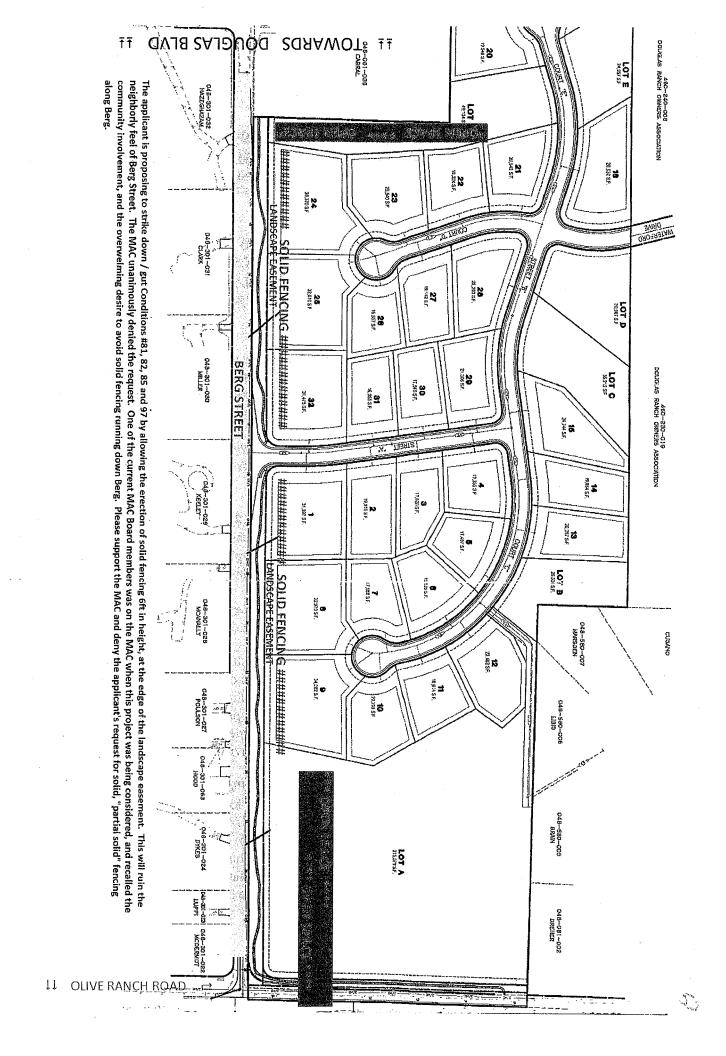
The adjacent Lot 1 has just one sapling. There are no other plantings.



More mature greenery planted at different depths within the landscape easement can provide superb screening.

Perfect example:

This is a snapshot of a side yard of one of the model homes within the subdivision.





RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - TENTATIVE MAP/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - "THE GROVE AT GRANITE BAY" (PSGC 2004 0294)

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL BE SATISFIED BY THE APPLICANT, OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT. THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC), COUNTY SURVEYOR, AND/OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

1. A Tentative Map and Conditional Use Permit is approved as a 32 lot Planned Development on approximately 32 acres. In addition, a Variance is approved in order to allow an entry feature consisting of a 6 foot high masonry wall, within the front setback, where a maximum height of 3 feet is normally allowed, and to allow a 5 foot high, wrought iron perimeter fence, where a maximum height of 4 feet is normally allowed.

ADVISORY COMMENT: This project is subject to review an approval of a Rezone application, by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, to add a "Planned Development" designation to the existing, base zoning of 1.1 ("PD 1.1").

- 2. MM The following Condition #s: ip 3, ip4, ip5, ip7, ip 8, ip9, ip 14, ip 20, ip 21, ip 23, ip 24, ip 25, ip 26, ip27, ip 30, g 1, g2, g4, g 7, rt2, rt 13, rt 15, rt17, rt18, ps2, ps5, v4, v5, v8, v14, v17, cr1, cr2, eh 14, eh25, eh 40, mc2, mc8, mc8a, mc10, mc23, mc25, and ep1 apply to this project as printed in *Placer County Land Development Departments' Sample Conditions*, Volume 2004, Number 1, dated July 27, 2004:
- A) ip 3 <u>Staging Areas:</u> Stockpiling and/or vehicle staging areas shall be identified on the Improvement Plans and located as far as practical from existing dwellings and protected resources in the area. (MM) (DPW)
- B) ip 4 Recreational Facilities: The Improvement Plans shall provide details of the construction of the proposed recreational facilities, public and private, both on- and off-site, for the review and approval of the DRC and County Parks Division (PD's). All recreation facilities shall be designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Federal Guidelines and, where appropriate, the Consumer Product Safety Commission Guidelines (COSC), and the requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). Approval shall be evidenced by signature of a Parks Division representative on the Improvement Plans. (PD/DFS)
- C) ip 5 Equestrian/Pedestrian Trails: The Improvement Plans shall provide details of the location and specifications of all proposed equestrian/pedestrian trails for the review and approval of the DRC and Parks Division. S aid trails shall be installed prior to the County's a cceptance of the subdivision's improvements, and all easements shall be shown on the Final Map. (PD/DFS)
- D) ip 7 The connection of each existing residence within this project to public sanitary sewers is required, shall be shown on the Improvement Plans, and shall be included in the engineer's estimate of costs for subdivision improvements. Note: Hook-up fees are not to be included in the Engineer's Estimate. (EHS/DPW)

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EXHIBIT C

- 80. Notification to the future owners of affected lots that are located adjacent to Open Space Lots, regarding the provision of an access easement to the homeowners' association for maintaining fencing around the perimeter of such lots. A minimum 24-hour notification to affected homeowners shall be provided prior to any work by the homeowners' association. (CR) (PD)
- 81. Notification to all future lot owners that minimum setbacks for all structures shall be as follows, unless a greater setback is indicated within the Development Notebook that is described elsewhere in these conditions of approval: A) Front 55' from the centerline of the traveled way, (except for Berg Street frontages, which shall have a front setback of 50 feet from edge of easement); B) Side 15'; C) Rear 10'. Setbacks for pools and related equipment areas are defined in Placer County Code, Article 17.54.140, formerly Zoning Ordinance Section 10.082 B (5). (CR) (PD)
- 82. Notification to future owners of Lots 1, 8, 9, 24, 25, and 32, that solid fencing of any type is prohibited within the "front" setback along the Berg Street. (MM) (PD)
- 83. Notification to all future lot owners of a listing of drought tolerant plant materials and information regarding drip irrigation systems designed to conserve water. (CR) (PD)
- 84. Notification to all future lot owners of the tree preservation and maintenance techniques contained in the publication entitled *Living Among the Oaks* by the University of California Cooperative Extension. A copy of this publication shall be distributed by the developer or authorized agent to all new property owners at the time of sale of the property. Irrigation under the driplines of oak trees, including on individual lots, is prohibited, except as otherwise described within this publication. (PD)
- 85. Notification to the future owners that no structures, including solid fencing over 3' in height, may be installed in front setback areas, including any property frontages along roadways. (CR) (PD)
 - 86. Each new lot owner shall be provided with a copy of the Development Notebook page(s) applicable to the subject lot, including plot plans and all use restrictions. (CR) (PD)
 - 87. No storage of boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, campers, or inoperable vehicles within the project except to the side or rear of a residence, and screened from street view. (CR) (PD)
- 88.MM Notification to future buyers, tenants, and/or occupants of parcels with Historical / Cultural Resource Easements that no development activity of any kind, including but not limited to: grading, installation of accessory structures, swimming pools, spas, fencing, patios, decking, etc, may occur within said easement and that any natural features within said easement (i.e., rock outcrop) may not be disturbed. (PD)
- 89. Notify future lot owners that an on-site road will connect to Waterford Drive as shown on the Tentative Map and will be a through connection to the Douglas Ranch Unit No 2 subdivision. (CR) (DPW)
- 90. Notification to future buyers of Lots 1, 8, 9, 24, 25, and 32, that a 25 foot landscape MARCH 2005

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easement, dedicated to the HOA, is located along the eastern property boundary, and that any changes to the county-approved landscape plans for these areas are not allowed without the review and approval of the DRC.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- 91. The Development Standards for this project are as follows:
- 92. Pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, setbacks apply to all structures and accessory structures. Setbacks for swimming pools/spas/pool equipment, etc. shall conform to Placer County Code, Article 17.54.140, formerly Zoning Ordinance Section 10.082 B (5). (CR) (PD)
- 93. The structural setbacks for this Planned Development are as follows:
 - A) Front (street) -60° from the center of the travelled way (except for lots adjacent to Berg Street, which shall have a setback of 50 feet from the property line.
 - B) Sides -15'
 - C) Rear -10°
 - D) Accessory structures/pools/spas per Zoning Ordinance Section 10.082
- 94. The maximum building height for this Planned Development is 36 feet. (PD)
- 95. The maximum building coverage per residential lot in this Planned Development is 40%. (PD)
- 96. Prior to recordation of the Final Map(s), a reference manual (i.e., development notebook) shall be submitted for approval to the Planning Department which shall include plot plans for each lot in the project, depicting all dimensions, easements, setbacks, height limits and other restrictions which might affect the construction of structures on said lit and in the case of a PD subdivision, the permitted building space ratio per Zoning Ordinance Section 17.54.100.A.2.e. No Building Permits may be issued for the project until this manual is provided to and accepted by the DRC for format and content requirements. **(PD).**
- 97. Other than approved entry features, solid walls, solid wood fencing, and any other solid features are prohibited along the Berg Street and Olive Ranch Road frontages. Open fencing (i.e., wrought iron) is allowed, subject to review and approval by the DRC.

MITIGATION MONITORING

98MM A Mitigation Monitoring Implementation Program (MMIP) for the replacement of native oaks and other trees, prepared by an ISA certified arborist, Registered Forester, or Landscape Architect, shall be submitted to the Planning Department, prior to the submittal of the project's Improvement Plans for review and approval by the DRC. Said plan shall provide for native trees to be planted by the project developer within Common Area Lots and any other areas determined appropriate by the DRC. The specific number of trees shall be determined during the Improvement Plan process. The Plan shall include

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